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or Bouvier, where legal topics are sometimes very copiously discussed, its value as a hand-book is, nevertheless, perhaps greater than any one of the four just mentioned. For those who desire a law lexicon Mr. Hopper's edition of Wharton is well adapted, and may be safely used.

UNITED STATES' DIGEST: Containing a Digest of Decisions of the Courts of Common Law, Equity, and Admiralty in the United States and in England. By GEORGE SILSBEE HALE and H. FARNHAM SMITH, of the Boston Bar. Vol. XIII. Annual Digest for 1859. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1860.

We always hail with satisfaction the annual volume of the United States' Digest. It unlocks so many sources of knowledge, and keeps one continually, year by year, fully informed of the legal questions which have occurred in every part of the Union, and which the profession and the judicial tribunal have thought worth discussion and adjudication. This volume in appearance is quite similar to its predecessors, but we observe some improvement (doubtless the result of a continued and wider experience) in the subdivision of the heads of the titles, which renders it more convenient in use. The profession have never had occasion to find fault with this publication. It is as well done as such a vast mass of matter—necessarily digested in some haste—can be expected to be presented; and no praise can be too great for the industry and method here observed. As a useful labor-saving instrument it is invaluable.

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN LAW: Designed as a First Book for Students. By TIMOTHY WALKER, LL.D., Late Professor of Law in the Cincinnati College. Fourth Edition. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1860. Pp. 778.

The late Professor Walker's labors have now been before the profession for a length of time amply sufficient to test their value. From the time of the publication of the first edition, the book has constantly been used by the student and young practitioner. And while it is not calculated to supersede such institutional works as Blackstone's and Kent's Commentaries, it has still an important place in the training and preparation of the student; and as a first book for the American lawyer, or as a work for laymen to gain a clear and brief knowledge of certain fundamental legal principles, it is to be commended and used.